(b) The conversion of land tenure from leasehold to freehold will make the use of Power of Attorney for land transactions, redundant.

New Technology for Construction of Houses

*169. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new technology for construction of house based on French technology, is going to be introduced in the capital;

(b) whether any team has been sent in the recent past to Paris to study the same; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the visit ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) During the visit by a French Government Mission in New Delhi in November, 1992, the feasibility of undertaking a pilot project with industrialised system of housing construction by Delhi Development Authority, was discussed, alongwith other projects for French assistance.

(b) A Government of India delegation headed by Minister for Urban Development visited Paris in October, 1992 to explore the possibility of obtaining technical and financial assistance in housing and urban infrastructure sector from French Government. During the visit the team had seen some industrialised housing projects based on French Technology.

(c) Following the visit of the Indian Delegation the French Mission visited India and held detailed discussions to identify a number of project areas. Details of the proposed pilot project in Delhi and other projects can be finalised only after the proposals are approved by the French Government.

Setting up of New Iron and Steel Plants

*170. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified 25 sites in the country to set up new iron and steel plants;

(b) if so, the number of sites, State-wise; the guidelines for identification of these sites and their estimated total production capacity; and

(c) by when these steel plants will come into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) The "Guidelines for Entrepreneurs in Iron and Steel Industry" issued in October, 1992 have identified 25 possible sites in the country found suitable for setting up new iron and steel projects and coke making plants. These include 2 in Andhra Pradesh, 2 in Bihar, 1 in Goa, 3 in Gujarat, 2 in Karnataka, 3 in Maharashtra, 6 in Madhya Pradesh, 3 in Orissa, 1 in Uttar Pradesh and 2 in West Bengal. It has been emphasised in the Guidelines that this is only an indicative list.

The principal factors which have been taken into consideration in identifying the above locations are availability of raw materials and proximity to their sources availability of adequate and suitable land, and availability of infrastructural facilities like power, water and rail and road connections. The choice of location is left to the best commercial/economic judgement of the entrepreneur who would need to undertake detailed feasibility studies before taking a final decision.

How much production capacity will be created at these sites and when will depend upon the investment decisions taken by entrepreneurs.

बिहार स्थित वैशाली में खुदाई कार्य

*171. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1992-93 के वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण द्वारा किन-किन क्षेत्रों में खुदाई का काम आरम्भ किए जाने की संभावना है और इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी राशि खर्च की जायेगी; और

(ख) क्या बिहार स्थित वैशाली में भी खुदाई किए जाने की कोई योजना है ?